

# VA BOSTON Healthcare System

VA Boston Healthcare System, is the largest VA facility in New England, encompassing 3 main campuses and 5 outpatient clinics within a 40-mile radius of the greater Boston area. VA Boston Healthcare System exists to serve the veteran through the delivery of timely quality care by staff who demonstrate outstanding customer service, the advancement of health care through research, and the education of tomorrow's health care providers.



# VA – The Best Care for America's Heroes

VA BHS stands ready to help the newest wave of servicemen and women returning to the region. We offer numerous programs to assist OEF/OIF Veterans including a dedicated OEF/OIF coordinating staff, The Center for Returning Veterans, an extensive Adaptive Sports Program for disabled Veterans, an array of Mental Health programs, and state of-the-art rehabilitation services, both inpatient and outpatient. Recognizing the everincreasing number of women serving in the military, VA BHS has dedicated Women Veterans' Health Centers at both the Brockton and Jamaica Plain campuses.



## The Latest Technology

VA BHS is affiliated with two of the most prestigious medical schools in the country, Harvard Medical School and Boston University School of Medicine. Through these affiliations coupled with a staff of some of the best providers in the country our Veterans receive the very best of care while an inpatient in our acute care facility.

### Our services include:

Cardiology and Vascular Medicine
Cardiac Surgery
Bariatric Surgery Program
Gastroenterology
Radiology and Imaging
Hematology and Oncology
Comprehensive Mental Health
Services

Center for Returning Veterans
PTSD
Women Veteran Services
Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation
Spinal Cord Rehabilitation
High Tech Endoscopy Unit
Infectious Disease
CT Scan, MRI, PET Scan, Nuclear Medicine



### Aftercare

If you have experienced an inpatient admission at our facility, we have a comprehensive array of services for your aftercare.

We offer outpatient groups, individual, couples and family counseling. For events requiring rehabilitation, VA Boston Health Care System provides an array of sensory and physical rehabilitation services that include:

Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Visually Impaired and Blind Rehabilitation
Wheelchair Clinic
The MOVE Program
The Adaptive Sports Program
Aquatic Therapy



## Programs of Interest

VA Boston Healthcare System is proud of the quality of health care we provide to our nation's veterans. We have very exciting programs that would be of particular interest to the special needs the OIF/OEF and OND veterans.

### **Adaptive Sports Clinic**

VA Boston Healthcare System offers many programs and also teams with community partners to provide a large variety of sports including downhill skiing, cross country skiing, kayaking, surfing, cycling and many more.

### **MOVE Program**

This is a national weight management program designed by the VA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

### **Center for Returning Veterans**

The Center assists returning veterans who are having difficulties re-adjusting to civilian life following their Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment.



### Becoming a Patient

We value your service and sacrifice to your country. Boston VA Healthcare System is committed to providing the highest quality healthcare and benefits that our returning troops of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND) need and deserve.

### To Enroll in VA Healthcare:

- 1.) Visit any campus or outpatient clinic of the VA Boston Medical Center.
- 2.) Fill out the 10-10EZ application online or in person.
- 3.) Please bring a copy of your DD214 (member 4) with you when you first visit us.

It is very important to note that you have five years from your discharge date to receive free healthcare for any condition that may be related to your deployment.

Learn more about enrollment here.

### Links

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**OEF/OIF coordinating staff** http://www.boston.va.gov/freedom.asp

The Center for Returning Veterans http://www.boston.va.gov/services/mental\_health/center\_for\_returning\_veterans.asp

Adaptive Sports Program for disabled Veterans http://www.boston.va.gov/services/therapy/sports.asp

Mental Health programs http://www.boston.va.gov/services/mental health/mental health.asp

Women Veterans' Health Centers http://www.boston.va.gov/services/women.asp

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Cardiology and Vascular Medicine http://www.boston.va.gov/services/medicine/cardiology.asp

**Cardiac Surgery** http://www.boston.va.gov/services/surgical/cardiac\_surgery.asp

Bariatric Surgery Program http://www.boston.va.gov/services/surgical/bariatric.asp

**Gastroenterology** http://www.boston.va.gov/services/medicine/gastroenterology.asp

Radiology and Imaging http://www.boston.va.gov/services/radiology/radiology.asp

Hematology and Oncology http://www.boston.va.gov/services/medicine/hem\_onc.asp

Comprehensive Mental Health Services http://www.boston.va.gov/services/mental health/mental health.asp

Center for Returning Veterans http://www.boston.va.gov/services/mental health/center for returning veterans.asp

PTSD http://www.boston.va.gov/services/mental\_health/ptsd.asp

Women Veteran Services http://www.boston.va.gov/services/women.asp

Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation http://www.boston.va.gov/services/therapy\_rehab.asp

Spinal Cord Rehabilitation http://www.boston.va.gov/services/sci.asp

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Occupational Therapy http://www.boston.va.gov/services/therapy/ot.asp

Physical Therapy http://www.boston.va.gov/services/therapy/physical\_therapy.asp

Visually Impaired and Blind Rehabilitation http://www.boston.va.qov/services/therapy/visual.asp

Wheelchair Clinic http://www.boston.va.gov/services/therapy/wheelchair.asp

The MOVE Program http://www.move.va.gov/Default.asp

The Adaptive Sports Program http://www.boston.va.gov/services/therapy/sports.asp

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Fill out the 10-10EZ application online https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/ Learn more about enrollment here http://www.boston.va.gov/patients/eliqibility.asp